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Torrance, California
March 24, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, March 24, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Jack Spaahn led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend John Taylor of the First Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 1959, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen outlined Council procedure to the audience.

BIDS: Former City Hall Building.

Mayor Isen announced this was the time for a Report from C. L. Bone, Assistant City Manager, on bids received for the purchase of the Former City Hall Building.

A March 19, 1959, letter from Mr. Bone, accompanied by a copy of the specifications and Bid Form, reported that at the bid opening held Wednesday, March 18, 1959, only one proposal was received. This was the offer of Mr. Fazekas giving the business address of 740 Los Angeles Street, Los Angeles, in the cash amount of \$55,000. Attached to the bid was a check in the amount of \$5,500 representing 10% of the amount bid as bond.

Mr. Bone reported that the appraisal by Marshall & Stevens establishes, in their best opinion, a fair market value of the subject property in the amount of \$96,500.

Mr. Bone added that conditions set forth in the specifications had indicated that the Council would entertain oral bids of not less than 10% greater than the highest written bid submitted previously at the regular council meeting of March 24, 1959.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on this or to bid.

There was no reply.

Councilman Jahn moved all bids be rejected as far too low.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Art Emory, owner of Dale's at 1334 El Prado, asked to be heard, and it was the pleasure of the Council to hear him.

Mayor Isen explained that the bid had been rejected because it was so far below the value of the property; he said at one time the Council had instructed the City Manager not to accept any bids under \$100,000.

Mr. Emory said he would like to bid 10% over the bid submitted.

Councilman Beasley moved to reject this bid as well, for the same reason as the other.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Mr. Fazekas, who had bid, asked what disposition had been made of his bid.

Mayor Isen announced that all bids had been rejected by unanimous consent because they were so far below the value of the property.

HEARINGS:

1. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:

CASE NO. 566: Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on petition of Toryotaro and Midori Kato for a Change of Zone on Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Tentative Tract No. 24819, being a portion of Lot 3, La Fresa Tract, situated on the north side of 174th St., approximately 670' east of Prairie and abutting the east line of Freeway property, from R-1 to R-3, to complete the street pattern.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Hearing.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

There was no reply.

Councilman Beasley moved to close this Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:

CASE NO. 561: Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on petition of Joe Corsaro for a Change of Zone from A-1 to C-3 on a portion of Lot 20, Meadow Park Tract, lying east of the line that is parallel with the west line of Hawthorne Blvd., 100' wide and distant 150' westerly at right angles therefrom except the southerly 75' of said lot and except the easterly 59' of said lot within the lines of Hawthorne Blvd., situated at the SW corner of Hawthorne and 230th St., for the purpose of operating retail sale of cars and an existing service station.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Hearing.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Drale moved to close this Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A March 18, 1959, letter from the Walteria Civic Organization, signed by Bessie D. Slonecker, Secretary, requested the Council to consider the need for improvements at Fire Station No. 2, the Walteria Station.

Mayor Isen said he had seen it just Saturday, and it was in very bad condition.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer this to the City Manager for consideration in connection with the Budget for the next fiscal year.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Benstead asked if there are any plans for a new fire station in that area.

City Manager Stevens said not in the budget; he believed some thought had been given to putting a fire station on the airport to serve the area.

Councilman Benstead asked if it is felt this will serve the area.

The City Manager said it is believed if such a station were properly located, it would be a better location than the present one.

Councilman Benstead thought study should be made on that before it is actually decided where to build this.

Councilman Beasley thought it was planned to consider this at the next meeting of the Airport Commission, and that Chief Benner's request for such a station would be discussed then.

Councilman Jahn referred to the letter at hand and its request that the present station be repaired; he said that outside of paint, it would not be worth putting repairs into.

Councilman Bradford thought that last year the Council had, after hearing the Underwriters' report, and talking to Chief Benner, and considering a master plan for fire stations in the City, it had been planned that a station would be erected on the airport. At that time, he had believed that all that was holding that up was the decision to be made by the Airport Manager, Fire Chief and City Manager as to where the station should be on the Airport.

The City Manager said construction of the fire station has been held up by money; we do not have the money.

Councilman Bradford asked if that had not been one of the projects considered.

The City Manager said it has been thought for some time that a station should be placed there; it would be a good location and would give very good coverage to the area.

Councilman Bradford felt more should be done on these projects.

Councilman Beasley said a large section of Torrance which is now relatively distant from a Fire Station would be served by this station, naming Victoria Knolls, the Airport Triangle, etc. He felt the most urgent question would be that of getting on to Highway 101 from the airport.

Councilman Bradford was of the opinion that the State Fire Marshall would take care of that.

Mayor Isen said the Civil Defense Commission has been considering the possibility of having such a fire station and one in west Torrance built as alternate sites for City government in case this building should be destroyed by an act of war or catastrophe. If this is done, possibly the Federal Government will match our contribution for such sites and we will be able to have help with these high-priced projects. He hoped they would proceed forthwith on this.

Assistant Director of Civil Defense George Powell said the Commission would have a report on this at their next meeting.

Councilman Drale said the West Torrance station should be considered at the same time, and said he felt that area needed a station badly.

Mayor Isen agreed.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

2. A March 10, 1959 letter from the United States Conference of Mayors, signed by Norris Poulson, President, invited the Mayor and members of the City Council to attend and participate in the 1959 Conference of this group; the Conference will be held in Los Angeles at the Statler Hilton, July 12-15.

Mayor Isen said he planned to attend, and that he hoped the members of the Council would also attend, as there will be a great deal of interest to them.

Several of the Councilmen said they would attend at least a part of the Conference.

3. A March 15, 1959, petition from residents of the area near Torrance Blvd. and Anza, asked the City to install traffic signals at that corner immediately, and was signed by 46 residents of the area. The petition bore a memo from the City Manager saying the Public Works Dept. is preparing a report on this and other intersections.

Councilman Jahn said the report giving their recommendation was further along on the Agenda, and so the matter was held for that report.

4. A March 10, 1959, letter from the Torrance Lions Club was signed by Sam Van Wagner, President, and requested permission to sell fire-works on City property this year.

Councilman Benstead moved to grant the request.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and Councilman Jahn pointed out that the property in question may be leased by then.

Councilman Benstead amended his motion to request that the Lions be given that information.

The amend ment was accepted in the second.

There were no objections, and the motion as amended was ordered.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Clerk to inform the Lions of the possibility of the land having been leased by that time, and so they should consider this possibility. If the land is leased, perhaps they would like to contact the lessee.

5. A March 18, 1959, letter from the Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado, signed by George Naylor, President of the Retail Merchants Division, transmitted to the Council their resolution requesting permission to plant trees in front of the stores in the downtown Torrance area. They agreed to maintain and care for the trees for the first three months, and requested that the City Park Dept. assume the care of them thereafter.

Councilman Benstead thought this was a wonderful idea, and he moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked Supt. of Parks Clemmer, who was present, if a tree could be found for this purpose which would not tear up the sidewalks.

Mr. Clemmer suggested the use of the Indian Laurel, which is used in many cities for this purpose.

Councilman Bradford asked if the merchants intended to buy these trees, and the Mayor said they did.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5A. Mayor Isen said he had felt for some time the need for our City to have a planned beautification program. We are concerned now with cleanliness and getting rid of litter; he suggested that perhaps we should have an official Torrance Beautiful Committee which would have such a plan for their civic job.

Councilman Jahn believed the Torrance Woman's Club had such a committee.

Mayor Isen thought the Council might set up such a committee, and with each Councilman naming a member, the committee might serve to coordinate the efforts of the various groups within the City who are concerned with this.

Councilman Blount felt that the City might begin by cleaning its own property, saying tonight, because of the high winds, there is paper and trash blowing on our lawns.

Mayor Isen suggested that the Councilmen consider his suggestion.

6. A March 10, 1959, letter from the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, signed by Margaret Clark, President, suggested to the Council the formation of a Torrance Committee to investigate problems other cities may have had in regard to freeway construction. The letter reported the problems they have had in that area with trucks hauling fill dirt for the freeway, and the need to protect the streets and the welfare of homeowners in the area.

Councilman Beasley suggested that the group be referred to the Inter-City Highways Committee; he said they might be able to work with the people in the area.

Mayor Isen felt they wished to consider only our local problems.

Councilman Bradford moved to concur with the request.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Drale suggested this letter be referred to the Street Dept., to see if they could meet with these people to work out answers to the real problems these people face.

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Councilman Benstead so moved, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

Councilman Drale felt there should be a program out there for routing the trucks.

Mayor Isen suggested that perhaps this could be a joint project of the Police and Street Departments.

Councilman Drale suggested that the Traffic Commission also be consulted.

Councilman Benstead amended his motion, saying he would like to have the Police, Traffic Commission, and Street Department work with the people concerned to work out such a plan.

There was no objections, and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Jeanne Gerald, representing the NTCIA, said they would like to have a Committee with a member of the Council and the Public Works Dept., as well as someone from their Association to work with the contractors on this.

Mayor Isen said the Association could contact the groups named by the Council on this, and he felt sure that if they wished to appoint a member to work with them on this, it could be done.

Director of Public Works John V. Russell said his Department has worked with the State's resident engineer and the contractors on this, and said they have been most cooperative.

Mayor Isen felt information on this should be given to the interested people.

Mr. Russell said he knew the Acting City Engineer had also worked with the people he had named here.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following miscellaneous recommendations to the Council for their consideration:

APPROPRIATIONS:

- a. To Torrance Plumbing for the installation of W. C., seat and wall-hung basin in Control Tower at Airport, the sum of \$385.00.
- b. It is planned to use the old City Hall as headquarters for the Special Census. Funds in the amount of \$9,725 should be appropriated for the Census. This money has been allocated in the Budget (copy of communication attached w/letter).

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Manager under "Appropriations".

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

DEVELOPMENT OF SEA-AIRE PARK - CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND:

Submitted was a communication from Recreation Director Mr. Harry Van Bellehem, and the City Manager recommended that the proposal of the Rotary Club, as reported by Mr. Van Bellehem, be accepted, and that the City purchase the necessary equipment from the Un-appropriated Reserve Fund.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with Mr. Van Bellehem and the City Manager on the development of Sea-Aire Park Children's Playground.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented at this time that when he had last looked for Sea-Aire Park, he had been disappointed to find that there are not adequate signs directing people to the park. He moved that properly designed, attractive signs, in suitable locations, be installed to direct people to the park.

Lt. Don Nash of the Police Dept., a member of the Traffic Commission, said such signs are being put up at this time.

AB-723: In the interest of the operation of our bus system, I believe we should support this legislation. Submitted with this was a letter from Bus Superintendent Chamberlain and a copy of the suggested resolution.

Councilman Beasley moved that after a number had been assigned and the Clerk had read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

City Clerk Bartlett assigned numbers to, and read titles of, all ordinances and resolutions shown hereafter in these Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3648

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE URGING THE ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 723, WHICH BILL AMENDS WEIGHT LIMITATIONS ON REAR AXLES OF PASSENGER BUSES.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3648.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, the City Manager submitted a proposed resolution; the letter read as follows:

"I believe that the City should support this legislation with the hope that the additional funds would help to overcome our street and highway deficiencies. Present gas tax allocations are not sufficient to do the work that is necessary to establish even a reasonably good highway program."

Councilman Jahn opposed raising the gas tax, saying he felt that the City would get only a little of this money and the County would get the rest.

Councilman Drale opposed the proposed resolution.

Councilman Beasley said Assemblyman Richards had said no bill to repair roads, such as this is, could be passed without giving the Counties a share of the tax increase.

Councilman Blount felt the 9¢ per gallon we now pay in taxes on each gallon of gas was enough.

Mayor Isen agreed, saying he felt gas is now expensive enough.

Councilman Benstead agreed, saying he is opposed to any increase of any kind in any tax.

Councilman Beasley moved this be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved that a letter and resolution be prepared by the City and sent to the appropriate persons in the legislature to tell them we are opposed to any tax increases.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

3. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, the City Manager submitted, for study, a 'Joint Powers Agreement'. The letter read as follows:

"Attached is a copy of a proposed Joint Powers Agreement for cities of the South Bay area. The Agreement will permit reciprocal use of various types of equipment of municipalities in our area. We believe that it not only provides a basis for utilizing the full resources of the area during an emergency situation but can, and will, effect substantial economy in the day to day operation by making available to other agencies specialized types of equipment owned by one agency.

"Joint powers agreements are permitted under enabling legislation of the State of California. It is believed that cities, by cooperating through this type of agreement, can effect the economies that are said to be by-products of metropolitan super-governments and, at the same time, retain that essential quality of our democracy, local home rule.

"Copies of this proposed agreement are being sent to the Civil Defense Commission."

This was discussed at some length by the Council; Mayor Isen felt this would be cooperation among small cities which would offset the overpowering funds of metropolitan government, and agreed it would help preserve home rule.

The City Manager explained this would allow us to help each other legally in an emergency, and to share expensive, infrequently used equipment to avoid each of the small cities involved from having to buy all such equipment. He said much of the time, this equipment is rented anyway. The City Manager explained that in case of a fire, and any of our neighboring cities giving each other mutual aid, we do not charge each other.

Mayor Isen thought some master plan for fire stations in the area could be worked out to the financial benefit of ourselves and our neighbors. He gave as a point in fact the possibility that perhaps Redondo Beach planned a fire station within a few blocks of where we plan one; if only one of these were built to serve the entire area under a reciprocal agreement, the cost of one of the stations would be saved. This same saving might be effected in other things.

Councilman Bradford could not see the sense of this. He could not see why we should use equipment belonging to others at all.

Councilman Beasley said if we had had an agreement such as this, we might have been able to borrow a grader when our own was down.

The City Manager repeated that we would have had to rent it, but added that we might as well rent from another city as from a commercial installation.

Councilman Drale thought we would be on the renting end all of the time.

The City Manager pointed out that the 3rd paragraph of the agreement specified that fair rental costs would be paid.

Councilman Beasley suggested we refer this to the Civil Defense & Disaster Commission.

Mayor Isen said only a small part of this would be for that use.

The item was ordered held for study.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, the Airport Manager submitted for the Council's information the Torrance Airport Notice dated March 9, 1959. He reported that "In regards to Item 1 concerning increasing the hours of air traffic coverage by the tower, I wish to state that Gene Lewis, our Senior Controller, has made this specific recommendation in order to provide air traffic control services during periods of increasingly heavy traffic. I concur with Mr. Lewis's recommendation, because I feel that the extra labor expense will more than offset the additional safety which will be obtained."

Councilman Blount referred to the Notice, and to the line reading 'the hours of operation of the Torrance Municipal Airport Control Tower will be -', saying the airport is losing money now; he asked if the Airport Manager had the right to change the hours of operation of the tower, and possibly hire more operators without consulting this Council.

Mr. Egan came forward to say that the Notice has not gone out; it was here for the Council's consideration first. It was printed in this way for approval of the Council.

Councilman Blount said nothing here read that way. He asked if we can afford this.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if we could afford this.

The City Manager asked Mr. Egan how many hours more it is planned to operate the tower.

Mr. Egan said about 12 hours a week, and he thought it would cost about \$40-\$50 per week.

Councilman Benstead asked if this had been discussed with the Airport Commission, and Mr. Egan said it had not.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this to the Airport Commission. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

2. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, the Airport Manager submitted a report in regard to additional bids for Airport insurance. The Airport Manager requested that the Council authorize him to place the airport insurance with the United States Aviation Insurance Group for the year March 1, 1959, to March 1, 1960, for which they have quoted a premium of \$1,588.88. In addition, he recommended the Council consider making an expression at this time to the effect that the United States Aviation Insurance Group be selected on a long-term basis as the underwriter to carry the airport insurance with, of course, premiums being subject to review annually.

Councilman Beasley said he had called several carriers on this, and one of them had told him that if they had been able to have enough time to make a survey of the airport, and possibly recommend a few changes, they would have made a bid.

Councilman Beasley wished to object to the fact that the Council does not get these things in time to do anything about them; he said a binder had been put on the present policy to carry it over. He said the Council had been told this was a 60-day binder, and it was not; he said it was a 30-day binder and expired on April 1.

Councilman Benstead asked whether they would try to run our airport, and Councilman Blount said they would only suggest a few safety measures.

Councilman Beasley said both companies he had called had felt this rate was higher than warranted.

Councilman Jahn thought the Council should take the policy recommended here, but he thought perhaps the premium could be lowered if this were on a long-time basis.

Councilman Drale agreed that on a longer term the rate might be lower. He did not think in this case we should tie ourselves up for over a year.

Councilman Beasley objected because the Council was not notified in time to do anything about this rate.

Councilman Bradford said we have Department Heads who are supposed to run their Departments; they are paid to do that. We are here, he added, to represent the people. If the various Department Heads do not run their Departments correctly, we should get rid of them and get some new Department Heads.

Councilman Blount moved, regretfully, that the City Council authorize the payment of the premium of \$1,588.88 to United States Aviation Insurance Group for the year March 1, 1959, to March 1, 1960, and suggested that not less than 60 days prior to the expiration of this policy, that the Council be notified; he changed this to specify that on January 1, 1960, that the Airport Manager present the Council with a resume of the action he has taken by that time to try to better the rate on this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Drale said that he would suggest the investigation be made on the predication of a 3-year policy, as this would be cheaper.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a letter dated March 18, 1959, the Airport Manager gave the City Council a report on the instrument landing strip, and the effect building in the 200' 'restricted' zone beside the industrial properties on the north of the airport would have on the strip.

Mayor Isen said this affirmed the Council's previous action.

Councilman Drale moved the report be filed.

Councilman Jahn understood that Mayflower is only building about 27' into the restricted strip, and possibly that was one reason this would not limit the use of our strip. He felt the situation would have

been different if they had intended building much further out into the restricted strip. He thought he had made a policy motion before, for the Council to allow this. The motion had opened up a triangle west of Mayflower. He felt this should be corrected so that no building there would fill the 200' strip, or we would be placed in jeopardy.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Mayflower Trailer lease be written to allow them to encroach about 27' into the 200' cleared 'restricted' zone, and that it be the policy of the City to have each person who might plan to build in that area come before the Council for consideration.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

4. The Airport Manager submitted to the Council for approval the March 12, 1959, letter to T. W. Hallerberg of the Master Specialties Co., for certain off-premise improvements consisting of a taxiway connection with the City taxiway and his leasehold.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this letter, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. With a letter dated March 12, 1959, the Airport Manager submitted to the Council for approval a letter to R. L. Marks, concerning certain off-premise improvements consisting of a taxiway connection between the City taxiway and his leasehold.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with this letter, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:50 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:05 P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPT.:

1. A March 17, 1959, letter from John R. Stallings contained a request for permission to erect a pole sign to identify the restaurant located at 24650 Crenshaw, owned by Jim Munolo, a Torrance resident. The letter stated the sign would be of the same type of workmanship, design and coloring that is used on La Cienega, Ventura Blvd., or the Toluca Lake area. The letter stated the sign had been structurally engineered by Robert Box, C. E. California No. 8618, and has the approval of both the Fire Dept. and Police Dept. of the City.

A memo from Supt. of Bldg. Lee Schlens was appended, and said the area of the sign is 142 sq. ft., extreme perimeter area of sign 158 sq. ft., and the occupancy frontage of the property is 100'.

Mr. Schlens presented sketches of the sign to the Council, saying it would be at the corner of Anzler and Crenshaw, in the parking lot.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve this request.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

2. A March 17, 1959, letter from Alyce N. and Walter J. O'Rourke, 23870 Hawthorne Blvd., contained their request to erect a large business sign on the office building at that location.

A memo from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg. Inspection, was appended, and reported that the actual area of the sign is 210 sq. ft., extreme perimeter area is 330 sq. ft., and the occupancy frontage of the property is 50'.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would be a neon sign.

Mr. Schlens said the plan does not indicate that it will be, but he thought it would be a lighted sign.

The Council discussed this, and felt the sign too large.

Councilman Jahn moved to deny the request because the sign is far too large.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

John Rich, 718 W. 6th St., San Pedro, came forward to speak for the petitioners. He said the sign would not interfere with any other in the area, and he presented sketches showing the sign and building.

Mr. Rich was told that we have an ordinance governing the size of signs, and that the Council does consider exceptions upon occasion, but this is far too large. Some of the large signs in that area were put up before our ordinance was adopted.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

The Council had feared that some of the people from WALTERIA had wished to be heard about the WALTERIA Fire Station but had not thought they could. Mr. Geo. C. Powell had been instructed to check this with them, and at this time he reported that they knew they could have been heard if they had wished.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. A letter of March 17, 1959, from John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, contained his recommendation that the low bidder on Street Name Signs, The Hawkins & Hawkins Sign Co., be awarded the contract in the amount of \$904.63. A summary of bids received was submitted with the letter.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, who asked if any thought had been given to the possibility of using the new green and white signs which he has noted in many areas and which he feels are very easy to read.

Mayor Isen said he had agreed with this thought, but he noted that the freeways are changing back to the black and white.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, License Inspector Gale Whitacre submitted a request from Cub Scout Pack No. 240C of WALTERIA, signed by Mr. Chet Kohler, Sr., asking for a free license to hold a carnival at the WALTERIA Park on Sunday, April 19, 1959, from 8:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. The use of the park has been approved by the Recreation Department.

The license Inspector recommended this request be granted, subject to the posting of the proper insurance.

Councilman Beasley said it had been agreed last year that they would not be required to post any insurance since they do not have any carnival equipment.

License Inspector Whitacre said they would have darts.

Mayor Isen said the \$15 fee is considered the proper insurance to help the City defray the cost of their policy.

Councilman Beasley said if one group pays this, all should.

Councilman Bradford and Councilman Beasley both said this had been decided last year.

Councilman Beasley moved the request be granted and the insurance be waived so long as no equipment is used which would increase greatly the accident rate of the park.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and Councilman Drale asked the City attorney if there would be 'unusual risk' in this case.

The City Attorney said he had been informed there would not be; he said the recommendation he had made to the Council was to require this payment.

Mayor Isen said he had no objection to establishing a policy in such cases.

Councilman Beasley said if everyone who did this was charged the \$15 it would be a different matter.

Councilmen Bradford and Jahn both believed a policy had been set last year requiring this \$15 to be paid.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

It was agreed by the Council that the policy should be set and cover all cases.

2 and 3: A March 16, 1959, letter from the Boy Scout Troop #732 for a free license to sell Do-Nuts on March 25, 26, and 27, 1959, in the City of Torrance bore a memo from License Inspector Whitacre which recommended approval.

A March 17, 1959, letter from the Camp Fire Girls, 725 So. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, requested permission for the girls to hold their annual candy sale in the city between April 10 and May 2, 1959, and requested a free license for that. License Inspector Whitacre also recommended this request be granted.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the License Inspector in both cases 2 and 3.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

4. March 18, 1959, letter from Herman Milstein, 210 E. 3rd, Long Beach, requested a business license to operate Jewelry and Loan Co., bore a recommendation for approval from License Inspector Whitacre, who reported the application had been approved by the Chief of Police.

License Inspector Whitacre came forward and said the petitioner had asked that this be withdrawn and his fee refunded, as he had not been able to consummate the lease. Mr. Whitacre recommended the refund be granted, with the City retaining \$10 for necessary expenses.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the License Inspector.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, the License Inspector submitted a list of Business License Applications for Fireworks Stands, in accordance with the directions of the Council at their meeting of October 7, 1959.

Mr. Fred Korchensky of the Exchange Club said that due to a misunderstanding on their part, they had not applied in time to get a license. He asked for consideration, saying they would comply in all respects, but simply had misunderstood the deadline date. They want to have their stand at the same location they had last year, the SW corner of Highway 101 and Crenshaw. He said they had written to the Fire Marshall about this, but have not had a reply.

Councilman Drale moved to allow this group to file an application.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

License Inspector Whitacre asked if the Council was also approving the location, saying if so there will be 3 such stands within 2,000', a violation of our ordinance.

Mayor Isen said there was no implication of approving the location.

There were no objections, and the motion was ordered carried.

Mr. James McVey, 1750 Cabrillo, Commander of the VFW, said they had applied for a free license for a fireworks stand and had been told they would have to apply here to the Council.

It was explained to him that the requirement had been made because they had not complied with the requirement for a financial report on the operation within the required period of last year.

Mr. McVey said the officer responsible for the report had been out of town, and they had thought the report would be on time.

Councilman Blount asked when the report had come in, and Mr. Whitacre replied that he would have to check his office files to be sure of the date.

Mr. McVey thought their report was exactly 30 days late.

Councilman Drale said that if the maker of the original motion was not opposed, he would move to let them have the license this year, saying he was sure they would comply.

The matter was held for Mr. Whitacre to check his office files.

At 9:30 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:40 P. M.

Mr. Whitacre said the report had been received in his office on October 6, 1958.

Councilman Jahn moved they be allowed this privilege this year if they get the report in on time.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

Concerning all other applications, Councilman Jahn moved to concur with License Inspector Whitacre's recommendations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen noted that we have a new ordinance governing the sale of fireworks, and said all must read it and comply. The whole purpose of this ordinance was to take this out of the hands of promoters and allow our civic organizations who devote the proceeds to the good of charities, youth organizations, etc., to raise funds in this way.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. MUNICIPAL LIGHTING DIST. NO. 2 - CONTRACT FOR ASSESSMENT WORK.

With a letter dated March 19, 1959, R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engr., submitted an agreement approved by the City Attorney, between the City of Torrance and Mr. Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engr., for Street Lighting Dist. No. 2, 1959-61, and a Resolution authorizing execution of the Agreement.

RESOLUTION NO. 3649

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND LAURENCE J. THOMPSON, ASSESSMENT ENGINEER.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3649.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 24819 - Located northerly of 174th Street and easterly of proposed San Diego Freeway. Submitted were:

- a. March 19, 1959, letter from R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engr.;
- b. March 19, 1959, letter from G. C. Powell, Planning Director, submitting Planning Commission recommendation for approval;
- c. Excerpt, Planning Commission Minutes of Feb. 18, 1959;
- d. March 16, 1959, letter from Div'n. of Highways, with their recommendations;
- e. March 10, 1959, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt., Water Dept., saying this Tract will be served by Torrance Water Dist. #3;
- f. J. R. Patrick, Asst. to City Engr., letter of Jan. 20, 1959, outlining drainage, streets, etc.;
- g. L. A. County Flood Control Dist., letter of Jan. 15, 1959, finding the tract reasonably free from flood hazard and with recommendations;
- h. Sketch of Tract.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. A March 19, 1959, letter from R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engr., submitting the Staff's recommendation that County Aid Gas Funds be used for installation of traffic signals at various intersections in the City, i. e., Arlington & Sepulveda Blvd., Crenshaw and Carson Blvd., and Anza and Torrance Blvd., and that a suspended, lantern-type signal be installed at Prairie and 182nd.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Staff.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 3650

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO MAKE ALLOCATION OF "AID TO CITIES" GASOLINE TAX FUNDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3650.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen advised the Council that Mr. Winter had told him the County is working on the Gas Tax Fund for the coming budget, and they are working on putting Del Amo through.

4. MALTZMAN APARTMENT PROJECT - 174TH & YUKON - ALLEYS:

A March 19, 1959, letter from R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engr., submitted the consensus of Staff and Traffic Commission with reference to the alleys adjacent to the apartment project to be constructed by Maltzman. The letter reported their opinion that the City should not accept these alleys because: 1) The City would have to provide maintenance; 2) It would take the property off the tax rolls; 3) the City would be subject to possible liabilities.

Councilman Jahn asked if this is the alley where a garage interferes with traffic, and Mr. Bishop said the garage in question had been moved, and the design is acceptable to the police and fire departments.

Councilman Jahn asked if the plans had been changed, and Mr. Bishop said the driveway plan has been.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations presented here.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, Acting City Engineer Bishop submitted the following easement deeds for acceptance by the Council:

- a) Easement Deed dated June 19, 1958, from Thos. E. and Martha P. Garrison for a portion of Lot 12, Tract No. 639 for the widening of Sepulveda Blvd.
- b) Easement Deed dated Feb. 28, 1959, for a portion of Lot 111 in Tract No. 639 for future 232nd St., being given by Charles L. and Marjorie P. Watkins.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept these easements.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, the Planning Director submitted to the Council the information that the Planning Commission had held the required Hearings on Street Name Change from Valerie to Anza between Torrance Blvd. and Del Amo Blvd., and their request that the Council approve this in the interests of uniformity of street names. The Planning

Commission said they would provide a roster of property owners if the Council requires it prior to the hearing before the Council.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale seconded the motion, no objections, so ordered.

2. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the following two Waivers:

Louis Regan, 265 Vista del Parque, presented an application for a rear yard set-back of 6'6" at one point.

Thomas J. Brzich, 2407 Cabrillo, requesting addition to front of house. There is an existing 2' rear yard; property described as Lots 18 and 19, Tract 3758.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on these two Waivers, with all conditions.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

3. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, concerning the Parking Requirements in C-3 Zone, the Planning Director reported that: "The existing formula which provides adequate off-street parking in C-1 and C-2 zones has proven very satisfactory.

"It is the recommendation of the Planning Commission this same formula be applied to C-3 zoning, which at the present time has a formula requiring 2 to 1 parking."

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Planning Director Powell and the Council discussed the different requirements.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

4. CASE NO. 568 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of request of Mike Nazarian for a Variance to construct 30 apartments with garages and swimming pool on a portion of Lot 9, Meadow Park Tract, being the south 219.4' of the west 150.77' of the east 405.08' of Lot 9, etc., also known as 3921 W. 242nd St. Attached to this were a location sketch and an excerpt from the March 11, 1959, Planning Minutes.

Planning Director Powell said this covers only a small portion of a lot in a C-2 zone.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley called the attention of the Planning Commission to the fact that there is a question whether this is 242nd or Walnut, and Planning Director Powell said it is 242nd Street.

5. CASE NO. 562 - VARIANCE: Transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval of request of Leo E. Jennings for a Variance to construct a convalescent medical hospital and sanitarium at 22515 Kent Ave., being Lot 26 of Tract 454. Submitted with this were a location sketch and an excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of March 11, 1959.

Councilman Jahn asked if this was the same lot where there had been a variance for a medical center, and Mr. Powell said it is, but there are

new plans here.

Councilman Jahn asked if we are not now operating under a rule which automatically cancels a Variance if building is not under way within a certain time period, and Mr. Powell said that was correct.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, but with the understanding that this will be cancelled unless construction is begun within the time limit.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, Planning Director Powell submitted to the Council a map of the Central Manufacturing District, with the recommended names of streets within this industrial subdivision. The names were recommended by the management of the C. M. D., who are developing the area. The Planning Commission had recommended the names for consideration.

The Council did not feel that some of the names were well chosen, but discussed the suggestions.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with these names.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, Lawrence A. Gitschier, Chairman Pro Tem of the Park & Recreation Commission, submitted to the Council the resignation of R. S. Cramer which was necessary because he has moved out of the City.

Councilman Benstead moved that this be filed, with the appropriate letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Cramer.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

At this time, Mayor Isen asked that the Council be polled on the nomination of Dr. Labit to replace Mr. Cramer on the Commission and fill his unexpired term.

Nomination failed to be approved, by the following roll call vote:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale, Jahn. ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Beasley asked to explain his vote; he said he had known a person in Southwest Park who has been very active in trying to get the recreation bonds approved and to get parks in the area. He had taken it for granted she would be a candidate for such a vacancy on the Commission. The Mayor, in nominating Dr. Labit, had nominated a good friend of his, an admirable man, Dr. Labit, who had the highest respect of all his acquaintances. Because of the conflict in his own mind, however, Councilman Beasley said he was forced to abstain from voting in favor of a man he admires who is a good friend and neighbor of his.

Mayor Isen agreed that the lady in question had done a fine job, but he felt that the Walteria Area should be represented on this Commission. He and Councilman Beasley had agreed, he said, that the Walteria area should be represented. If he had not thought the Council would agree on Dr. Labit's appointment, he would never have entered his name.

Councilman Beasley said it hurt him a great deal to have to abstain from voting for this fine man who is his friend, but he felt it proper at this time.

Mayor Isen felt any nominee for the Commission should come from the Walteria area. He said he would accept nominations from the Councilmen during the coming week of people from that area for the Commission. He expressed sorrow that Dr. Labit had been treated this way.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. A communication headed "RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION" submitted to the Council 9 recommendations on traffic control throughout the City.

Mayor Isen did not feel this was in proper form; he said it should have the Commission's negative recommendations as well.

Councilman Jahn disagreed, saying they do forward their negative recommendations.

Councilman Drale said about 60 days ago General Petroleum had agreed to pay about \$3,000 for a signal there near their gate; he asked why this is now \$6,000.

Councilman Jahn said the signal recommended here is a more efficient kind. It was thought it would be an advantage to have this kind and keep the traffic moving.

Councilman Blount and Councilman Bradford discussed the cost of signals with the City Engineer.

Mr. Bishop said the Econolite Corp. had made the study on the signal at G. P., and they estimated this cost at \$6,000.

He did not think they had made the survey at the Crenshaw school.

Mr. Bishop said he could give a complete report on this at the next meeting of the Council.

Item 8 was ordered held for a report at the next meeting, as there were no objections.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with all other recommendations of the Traffic Commission as submitted in this report.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried by roll call vote, with Councilman Benstead asking that the record show he would vote "NO" on #3, which had to do with installations of parking meters.

2. Councilman Jahn said at the last meeting of the Traffic Commission this had been discussed, and he feels the City has grown so large and is having so many accidents it is apparent something must be done about the free flow of traffic and controlled traffic, and it is clear we do not have experts on the Commission. The Police are experts in their field, and the engineers in theirs, but they are not traffic experts. He had recommended to the Traffic Commission last week that the City Manager be requested to investigate the cost of employing a Traffic Engineer on a part- or full-time basis to work on our traffic problems.

Councilman Jahn asked to be relieved from his duties on the Traffic Commission, saying he had served there for over a year and no longer has the time.

Mayor Isen said there was some question as to who could serve.

Councilman Drale said he would be glad to do so, if an alternate could be appointed.

Councilman Beasley said he would serve as alternate.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

3. Councilman Drale asked if there had been any recommendation on the signal at Calle Mayor.

This was discussed, and Councilman Drale moved to refer the matter to the Traffic Commission for further study.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Jahn said the Council had approved putting a flashing red stop sign there, and Councilman Drale suggested we 'let this go'.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. With a letter dated March 18, 1959, the City Attorney submitted a report on the responsibility of the school district to install sidewalks and methods of securing sidewalks for school children.

Councilman Benstead felt there were contradictions here.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed.

2. With a letter dated March 19, 1959, the City Attorney submitted his request that the Council approve the creation of a job classification for the position of Deputy City Attorney, and approve the job description which was submitted with the letter.

The City Attorney said his reasons for this recommendation were that the duties of his assistant would be primarily that of prosecutor and research attorney. To hire a Deputy City Attorney would permit the City to schedule an examination in subsequent months or years for Asst. City Attorney when the need arises.

Councilman Bradford felt this might not be enough or the right kind of help.

This was discussed at some length by the Council.

The City Attorney explained to the Council that a Deputy City Attorney would not cost as much as an Assistant, and this had been a major factor in his recommendation. He explained that the City could not afford to employ a specialist. He said he would be glad to have an Assistant, but if this is the decision of the Council, he would ask to retain the prosecutor we now have.

Mayor Isen saw that the City Attorney wanted to hire a Deputy to handle much routine work which must come from his office. He said most cities hire outside counsel for some cases, and said he was only surprised that the City Attorney could carry the heavy load he does so very well.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the job specifications submitted here and the creation of a job classification for the position of a Deputy City Attorney. Motion lost for lack of a second.

The City Attorney agreed that it would be better to hire an Assistant City Attorney and retain the prosecutor; if this is done, the Assistant can devote his time to civil business, but we must have the prosecutor to allow him to do so.

Mayor Isen said he had talked to the prosecutor a few days ago, and the man had told him the job is taking 3 days instead of 2 as had been agreed.

The City Attorney agreed, and said the job will take more time.

Councilman Bradford asked if we had not held an examination for the job of Assistant City Attorney, and if it had not been true that none of the applicants had proven satisfactory, and the City Attorney said he was right.

Councilman Bradford asked which of the two classifications, Assistant or Deputy, would help the City Attorney most.

The City Attorney said an Assistant would, if he were allowed to keep the prosecutor.

The City Attorney said the salary for an Assistant would probably have to be up to \$900 a month, and a deputy could be secured for about \$600.

The City Attorney thought Councilman Bradford's suggestion that he get an Assistant and keep the prosecutor would be the best idea.

Mayor Isen thought this whole thing would have to wait for the next Fiscal Year, as we do not have the money now.

Councilman Draile thought if we started now we would probably have someone chosen by about the beginning of that period.

Mayor Isen thought it would be good to try to get an assistant and keep the prosecutor.

Councilman Bradford asked if the City Attorney has enough work for an Assistant, and Deputy, and himself.

The City Attorney said he does.

Councilman Beasley moved the City Attorney be instructed to proceed with setting up a job classification for an Assistant City Attorney at an appropriate salary, eliminating the duties of prosecutor from it.

Motion seconded by Councilman Draile, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 10:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 10:35 P. M.

Councilman Blount did not return to the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:1. RESOLUTION NO. 3651

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESIGNATING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PERFORM THE DUTIES IMPOSED BY ARTICLE 3, PART 2, DIVISION 3, TITLE 4, OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE, PROVIDING FOR WEED AND RUBBISH ABATEMENT IN LIEU OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3651.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

2. The City Attorney said the next Resolution was here because there is a need to clear title to the industrial and commercial portions of the airport. It has been suggested that this would be all right if the City does not have to pay the bill. Mr. Wentworth of Longren has given him letters from Longren, Sheridan Gray, and Mayflower Trailer, as well as Longren, agreeing to pay the cost of having the title legally cleared.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would apply only to the commercial and industrial sections of the airport, and the City Attorney said it would.

In reply to a comment by Mayor Isen, the City Attorney said it is not known who will be sent to do this.

Mayor Isen asked if they plan for the City to pay a share of this, and the City Attorney said no.

RESOLUTION NO. 3652

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THAT AN ATTORNEY BE ENGAGED TO FILE A PETITION FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUESTING THAT CERTAIN COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS OF THAT CERTAIN QUITCLAIM DEED DATED MARCH 5, 1948, FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE BE ELIMINATED.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 3652.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

3. The City Attorney presented a Resolution which had been requested by Councilman Beasley.

RESOLUTION NO. 3653

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING MR. NEJAT SONMEZ, DIRECTOR OF THE TURKISH INFORMATION OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, FOR HIS SERVICES IN FACILITATING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITIES OF KONYA, TURKEY, AND TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AS SISTER CITIES IN THE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAM.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3653.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

ORDINANCES:

1. First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1080

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," ENTITLED "BUILDING CODE", BY REPEALING SECTIONS RELATING TO BUILDING PERMIT FEES AND PLAN-CHECKING FEES AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1080 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Blount absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mayor Isen said there was an item on the Agenda for information only, from the Public Utilities Commission, which should have been on the Agenda proper, and he numbered it Item U2. He asked the City Attorney about this.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said this was handed to the Council for information because at the time it was put on the Agenda, there was no action which could be taken, however, the situation has changed. This is in regard to the Matter of the Application of DOMINGUEZ WATER CORPORATION. Mr. Remelmeyer reported he had discussed this with Mr. Tackabury, and the City Attorney recommended that the Council authorize filing of a petition for a re-Hearing. We have only until tomorrow to file for a re-Hearing.

Mayor Isen said this has already cost us over \$13,500, and he did not even feel sure we needed an attorney to represent us before the Commission. He felt the Commission would not have ruled this way if they had understood the matter.

The City Attorney said this ruling was not the fault of the attorneys.

This was discussed by the City Attorney and the Council at some length. The City Attorney said this was not the time to change attorneys. Mr. Tackabury has the papers ready to file for a re-Hearing. He pointed out that millions of dollars were at stake in the matter, and recommended we follow this course.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Benstead asked if the City Attorney could not do this, and Mr. Remelmeyer said he does not have the time.

In answer to a question from the Mayor, the City Attorney replied he felt this to be a fair fee for the work which has been done.

Councilman Drale renewed his motion, and the motion was seconded this time by Councilman Bradford.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mayor Isen said he had voted No as a protest against the fees.

2. The City Attorney presented a Resolution which is the next step in the annexation of the Alondra area.

RESOLUTION NO. 3654

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CIRCULATE A PETITION SEEKING THE ANNEXATION OF AN AREA, AS DESCRIBED IN SAID NOTICE, TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND APPROVING THE CIRCULATION OF THE PETITION.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3654. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The City Manager reported that Mr. Kinght had been hired to make an opinion survey in the area as authorized last week.

3. Councilman Beasley said the matter of the additional lay member of the Inter-City Highway Committee had been discussed at the last meeting. He suggested the appointment of Dr. Roy E. Sanderson, who has been very active in street improvement plans, saying he thought Dr. Sanderson would be a good addition to the Committee.

Councilman Drale suggested Mr. John Mulvihill as the additional lay member of the Committee.

Mayor Isen said he had asked Councilman Beasley to make this nomination, as the Council's representative on that Committee.

It was agreed to hold this for a week for consideration.

4. Mayor Isen said some time back when the matter of the City collecting fees to return to subdividers had been discussed, we had considered establishing a charge for that service. It is getting near budget time, and he suggested the Department Heads of the Departments where such fees would apply suggest adequate service charges in connection with the budget. He said they should consider the value of the dollar when planning this.

5. Concerning the budget, Mayor Isen referred to a recent editorial in the Los Angeles Examiner entitled "Welcome Thrift", and commenting on Governor Brown's economy program. The Mayor recognized that the City has worked all year on an austerity program, but he wanted to continue with this, and asked that everyone check to see where they might be able to cut expenses and make additional savings.

6. Mr. Ken Peters, South Bay Development Corporation, asked if we would accept a proposal from them for the development of our airport property on which we have been taking bids. He said they are prepared to deposit the \$5,000 required, and their plans would be a good thing for the City.

Councilman Beasley thought this could be done if they complied with all the provisions set which the others have done.

Councilman Bradford asked why he did not come through the same channels the others had done.

Mayor Isen said the Council and Airport Commission are to meet with the other groups tomorrow night and he wants to be interviewed, so this will require Council approval. He did not think the Council would object to hearing Mr. Peters if he met all the requirements.

Mr. Peters said he had received the letter the others had, but was late because this involved over a million dollars, and it had taken some careful research.

Mayor Isen felt the Council was obligated to hear anyone who was present who wished to be heard tomorrow night, and he moved that if this man had complied with all the formalities of the bid before the meeting set for tomorrow evening he could be heard.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

7. Mr. Blaine Everett, who lives at Bailey & Hickman in North Torrance, protested about the parking abuses and noise from a church across the street from him.

This was discussed with Mr. Everett, who said he had approached the pastor of the Church about his problems, and Mr. Everett was referred to the City Attorney and the Traffic Commission.

Lt. Nash, who was present, said he had the address, and their group would investigate this.

Councilman Benstead asked for a report on this from Planning Director Powell.

Mr. Powell said the church is in an A-1 zone, and that the street improvements are not required in that zone.

Supt. of Bldg. Lee Schlens said the City Attorney has ruled that a church is not a commercial use, and so his department cannot require the street improvements.

In reply to a question, the City Attorney said the City might require the street improvements under some circumstances.

Mayor Isen directed the Planning Director to get in touch with the minister there and see what can be worked out.

Councilman Benstead repeated his request for a report on this next week.

Request seconded by Councilman Bradford, so ordered.

8. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Blount absent).

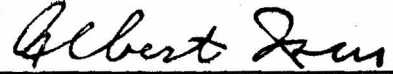
9. Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn to 5:30 P. M. Wednesday, March 25, 1959.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Blount absent).

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 P. M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance